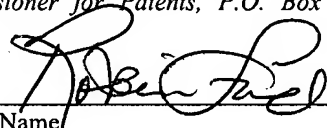


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant : Lutz Biedermann, et al. Confirmation No. 7913  
Application No. : 10/799,143  
Filed : March 11, 2004  
Title : ANCHORING ELEMENT FOR USE IN SPINE OR BONE SURGERY,  
METHODS FOR USE AND PRODUCTION THEREOF  
  
Grp./Div. : 3733  
Examiner : Mary C. Hoffman  
  
Docket No. : 56717/B884

Commissioner for Patents  
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April 20, 2007

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated October 20, 2006 for three (3) month(s) from January 20, 2007 to April 20, 2007.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 60	\$ 120	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 225	\$ 450	\$
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 510	\$ 1020	\$1,020
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 795	\$1590	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1080	\$2160	\$

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 1,020.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

**Petition for Extension of Time**  
**Application No. 10/799,143**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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